

Amendment to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing comprehensive facsimile information within a voicemail system, comprising:

receiving a facsimile at a voicemail system;
storing ~~said~~the facsimile in a recipient voice mailbox;
interpreting elements of ~~a~~the facsimile, ~~said~~the interpreting performed by optical character recognition software; and
upon receiving a request by a voicemail recipient to access ~~said~~the voice mailbox:
converting the interpreted elements of ~~said~~the facsimile into audible speech via a text-to-speech engine,;
formatting the converted elements resulting in a voicemail facsimile notification,;
and
presenting ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification and options to a communications device associated with ~~said~~the voicemail recipient, the options including:
printing the facsimile,;
deleting the facsimile from the recipient voice mailbox,;
storing the facsimile in the recipient voice mailbox for later retrieval,; and
forwarding the facsimile to a networked fax-capable voice mailbox,; and
implementing one of the options selected by the recipient.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the elements are selected from a header in ~~said~~the facsimile.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said~~the header includes:
a sender's facsimile number;
a time and date of ~~said~~the facsimile transmission; and
a number of pages transmitted.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said~~the header further comprises at least one of:

- a sender's name; and
- a sender's organization.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the presenting ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification further includes presenting a scripted audio message along with ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

interpreting elements includes identifying abbreviated forms of the elements; and
converting interpreted elements includes expanding the abbreviated forms of the
elements~~further comprising presenting options to said recipient operable for performing at least one~~
of:

- ~~printing said facsimile;~~
- ~~deleting said facsimile from said recipient voice mailbox;~~
- ~~storing said facsimile in said recipient voice mailbox for later retrieval; and~~
- ~~forwarding said facsimile to a networked fax capable voice mailbox.~~

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the communications device comprises at least one of:

- a wireless remote telephone;
- a wireline remote telephone;
- a voice over Internet telephone; and
- a remote computer.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~the facsimile is transmitted via at least one of:

a facsimile machine;
a facsimile-enabled computer;
a facsimile-enabled voicemail system; and
a personal digital assistant.

9. (Currently amended) A storage medium encoded with machine-readable computer program code for providing comprehensive facsimile information within a voicemail system, ~~said~~the storage medium including instructions for causing a computer to implement a method, comprising:

receiving a facsimile at a voicemail system;
storing ~~said~~the facsimile in a recipient voice mailbox;
interpreting elements of a facsimile located in ~~said~~the facsimile, ~~said~~the interpreting performed by optical character recognition software; and
upon receiving a request by a voicemail recipient to access ~~said~~the voice mailbox:
converting the interpreted elements of ~~said~~the facsimile into audible speech via a text-to-speech engine,;
formatting the converted elements resulting in a voicemail facsimile notification,; and
presenting ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification of ~~said~~the facsimile and options to a communications device associated with ~~said~~the voicemail recipient, the options including:

printing the facsimile,;
deleting the facsimile from the recipient voice mailbox,;
storing the facsimile in the recipient voice mailbox for later retrieval,; and
forwarding the facsimile to a networked fax-capable voice mailbox,; and
implementing one of the options selected by the recipient.

10. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 9, wherein ~~said~~the elements are selected from a header in ~~said~~the facsimile.

11. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 10 [[9]], wherein ~~said~~the header

includes:

- a sender's facsimile number;
- a time and date of ~~said~~the facsimile transmission; and
- a number of pages transmitted.

12. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 10 ~~[[2]]~~, wherein ~~said~~the header further comprises at least one of:

- a sender's name; and
- a sender's organization.

13. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 9, wherein ~~said~~the presenting ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification further includes presenting a scripted audio message along with ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification.

14. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 9, wherein:
interpreting elements includes identifying abbreviated forms of the elements; and
converting interpreted elements includes expanding the abbreviated forms of the
elements~~further comprising presenting options to~~
~~said recipient operable for performing at least one of:~~

- ~~printing said facsimile;~~
- ~~deleting said facsimile from said recipient voice mailbox;~~
- ~~storing said facsimile in said recipient voice mailbox for later retrieval; and~~
- ~~forwarding said facsimile to a networked fax-capable voice mailbox.~~

15. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 9, wherein ~~said~~the communications device comprises at least one of:

- a wireless remote telephone;
- a wireline remote telephone;
- a voice over Internet telephone; and
- a remote computer.

16. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 9, wherein ~~said~~the facsimile is transmitted via at least one of:

- a facsimile machine;
- a facsimile-enabled computer;
- a facsimile-enabled voicemail system; and
- a personal digital assistant.

17. (Currently amended) A communications network system for providing comprehensive facsimile information within a voicemail system, comprising:

- a server executing a voicemail system that includes at least one voice mailbox;
- a comprehensive voicemail tool executing on ~~said~~the server, ~~said~~the comprehensive voicemail tool including optical character recognition software and a text-to-speech engine;
- a link to a facsimile sending device;
- a link to a remote facsimile recipient device; and
- a facsimile received at ~~said~~the voicemail system, ~~said~~the facsimile transmitted by ~~said~~the facsimile sending device;

wherein ~~said~~the comprehensive voicemail tool performs:

- storing ~~said~~the facsimile in ~~said~~the at least one voice mailbox;
- interpreting elements of ~~said~~the facsimile using ~~said~~the optical character recognition software; and
- upon receiving a request by a facsimile recipient to access ~~said~~the voice mailbox:
 - converting interpreted elements of ~~said~~the facsimile into audible speech via a text-to-speech engine;
 - formatting converted elements resulting in a voicemail facsimile notification; and
 - presenting ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification elements of ~~said~~the facsimile and options to ~~said~~the facsimile recipient, the options including:
 - printing the facsimile;
 - deleting the facsimile from the recipient voice mailbox;
 - storing the facsimile in the recipient voice mailbox for later retrieval; and

forwarding the facsimile to a networked fax-capable voice mailbox; and
implementing one of the options selected by the recipient.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~the elements are selected from a header in ~~said~~the facsimile.

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the header includes:
a sender's facsimile number;
a time and date of ~~said~~the facsimile transmission; and
a number of pages transmitted.

20. (Currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein ~~said~~the header further comprises at least one of:

a sender's name; and
a sender's organization.

21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification further includes a scripted audio message along with ~~said~~the voicemail facsimile notification.

22. (Currently amended) The ~~communications network~~-system of claim 17, wherein:
interpreting elements includes identifying abbreviated forms of the elements; and

converting interpreted elements includes expanding the abbreviated forms of the elements; and

wherein, saidthe remote facsimile recipient device comprises at least one of:

a wireless telephone;
a wireline telephone;
a voice over Internet telephone; and
a computer.

23. (Currently amended) The communications network system of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~the facsimile sending device comprises at least one of:

- a facsimile machine;
- a facsimile-enabled computer;
- a facsimile-enabled voicemail system; and
- a personal digital assistant.

24. (Currently amended) The communications network system of claim 17, wherein ~~said~~the communications network comprises at least one of:

- a public switched telephone network;
- an Internet network;
- a radio network; and
- a VoIP network.